

ADDRESSES ON ABRAHAM LINCOLN



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The personal history of a speaker, especially as it relates to the data he proposes to discuss, is of importance when one considers how atmosphere influences and vitalizes the presentation of a subject. Dr. Louis A. Warren has lived continuously in communities which have offered peculiar advantages for a sympathetic interpretation of Lincoln's life, and the documentary support which he has built up to confirm his many new and important discoveries gives a touch of authenticity to what he says.

New England

Dr. Warren's interest in the Lincoln family began in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he received his elementary education. The school he attended was situated on Lincoln Square, where a Dr. Abraham Lincoln had conducted an apothecary shop as early as 1784. Dr. Lincoln's brother, Levi Lincoln, who also lived in Worcester, was appointed Attorney-General in Thomas Jefferson's cabinet. When President Lincoln visited Worcester in 1848, he was entertained by Levi Lincoln, Jr., a governor of the State of Massachusetts. These Worcester Lincolns and Abraham Lincoln were

related, being descendants of Samuel Lincoln, of Hingham, Massachusetts. In this decidedly Lincoln atmosphere Dr. Warren spent his early years.

The South

During the centennial year of Lincoln's birth, 1909, Dr. Warren entered Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, the oldest educational institution west of the Allegheny Mountains, and thereby identified himself with the state of Lincoln's nativity. Transylvania University is the alma mater of Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederacy. Mary Todd, later Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, received her early education in a school adjacent to the college campus.

In 1918 Dr. Warren became the editor of the "Larue County Herald" in Hodgenville, Kentucky, the town near which Abraham Lincoln was born. It was here he started his researches on the phases of Lincoln's early life. Three years later he moved to Elizabethtown, Kentucky, the first home of Lincoln's parents, and continued his investigations, copying thousands of court records relating to the Lincoln family in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Dr. Warren is the first historian to make a thorough documentary study of Lincoln's ancestry and early life. The publication of his book "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood" caused him to be considered the foremost authority on this subject.

The West

A residence of three years, not far from the Indiana country where Lincoln lived from the time

he was seven until he became of age, allowed Dr. Warren to interview many of the descendants of Abraham's contemporaries who still lived in the community. Later, encouraged by Senator Albert J. Beveridge, he took up his residence close to Indianapolis where he made an exhaustive study of the Indiana environment of the Lincolns as revealed in the archives of the State Capitol.

While pursuing this research, Dr. Warren was engaged to lecture for the Indiana Lincoln Union, then attempting to raise funds for the erection of a memorial to Lincoln's mother. His speaking itinerary in Northern Indiana was under the direction of Mr. Arthur F. Hall, the President of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne, and through this contact Dr. Warren was made Director of The Lincoln National Life Foundation.

Fort Wayne

The Foundation was established February 12, 1928, by the officers of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in appreciation of the Lincoln name, used by permission of President Lincoln's son.

Dr. Warren has been able to assemble in the Company's building what is believed to be the largest collection of literature ever assembled in one place, about one man (biblical characters excepted). Through his energy and service, and with the aid of the Company's executives, Fort Wayne has become the center of Lincoln information in America.

The official publication of the Lincoln Foundation, "Lincoln Lore," a one-page weekly bulletin, is now in its eighth year and is sent gratis to schools, libraries, and Lincoln students. Nearly one hundred books, pamphlets and magazine articles on Abraham Lincoln have been written by Dr. Warren.

Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, which was established by General Howard at the suggestion of Lincoln, conferred upon Dr. Warren, in recognition of his exhaustive researches and contributions to Lincolniana, the degree of Doctor of Literature.

In summing up the accomplishments of his work, it may be truthfully said that no one individual has contributed more information concerning the early years of Lincoln's life than he has brought to light. This new information, much of it unpublished, has caused an entirely different approach to the study of the great emancipator.

Dr. Warren devotes his entire time to gathering and publishing facts about the life of Lincoln. Due to his wealth of information and his ability as a public speaker, he is nationally known and, since his connection with the Lincoln National Life Foundation, has spoken on Abraham Lincoln before more than 650 groups located in twenty-five different states of the Union. On the opposite page there may be found the names of a few of the organizations he has addressed, and some of the cities where he has spoken.

A Few of the Groups Dr. Warren Has Addressed

Bar Associations—Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, New Orleans. Women's Clubs—Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Oklahoma City. Rotary—Austin, Charleston, New York, Salt Lake City. Kiwanis—Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Shreveport. Lions—Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Des Moines, Oakland. Churches—First Baptist, Pittsburgh; First Christian, San Antonio; First Congregational, Madison; First Methodist, Amarillo; First Presbyterian, Atlantic City; Rodeph Shalon Synagogue, Philadelphia; St. John's Catholic, Cleveland. Universities—Centenary College, Drake University, Loyola College, Texas University, University of Kansas City, University of Pittsburgh, University of Washington. Parochial Schools—Amarillo, Austin, Beloit, Milwaukee, Oakland, Racine. High Schools—Baltimore, Charleston, Chicago, Cleveland, Des Moines, El Paso, Hollywood, Houston, Milwaukee, Newark, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Francisco, Seattle, Shreveport, Topeka. Historical Societies—Chicago, Illinois State, Kentucky State, New England Genealogical, Ohio State. Radio Stations—Akron, Cincinnati, Davenport, Los Angeles, Newark, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Wichita. Miscellaneous Organizations—Advertising, Cincinnati; Altrusa, El Paso; American Legion, Madison; Athletic, Newark; Breakfast, Los Angeles; Business and Professional Women, Amarillo; Civilian, Detroit; Conopus, San Antonio; Co-operative, Kansas City; D. A. R., Chicago; Economy, Detroit; Electric, San Francisco; Elks, Ogden, Utah; Exchange, Worcester; Indiana Legislature, Indianapolis; Knights of Columbus, Detroit; Masons, Milwaukee; Metro, Wichita; Moose, Long Beach; Optomist, Milwaukee; Reciprocity, Newark; Scimitar, Baltimore; State Bankers, Duluth; Underwriters, Toledo; Wisconsin Legislature, Madison.

Some of Cities Where Dr. Warren Has Spoken

California—Berkeley, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose. Connecticut—Hartford. Illinois—Aurora, Charleston, Chicago, Dorchester, Evanston, Freeport, Moline, Rock Island, Springfield. Indiana—Columbus, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Hammond, Indianapolis, Muncie, Richmond, South Bend, Vincennes.

Iowa—Davenport, Des Moines, Fort Dodge. Kansas—Topeka, Wichita. Kentucky—Frankfort, Louisville. Louisiana—New Orleans, Shreveport. Maryland—Baltimore. Massachusetts—Boston, Worcester. Michigan—Coldwater, Dearborn, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Pontiac. Minnesota—Hibbing, Duluth. Missouri—Kansas City, Sedalia.

Nebraska—Lincoln. New Jersey—Atlantic City, Jersey City, Newark, New Brunswick. New York—New York. Ohio—Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Marion, Toledo. Oklahoma—Oklahoma City. Pennsylvania—Allentown, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh. Tennessee—Harrogate. Texas—Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio. Utah—Ogden, Salt Lake City. Washington—Seattle, Tacoma. West Virginia—Charleston, Huntington. Wisconsin—Beloit, Madison, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Racine.



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